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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the instant application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 1, delete "Field of the Invention", and insert

A, --Background of the Invention--.

At page 1, line 7, delete "Prior Art".

Enter a new page 20, submitted herewith, containing the Abstract of the Disclosure.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-9, without prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims.

10. A surfactant composition comprising:

(a) from about 75 to 97% by weight of a fatty alcohol sulfate; and

(b) from about 3 to 25% by weight of an olefin sulfonate, all weights being based on the total weight of the composition, and wherein the composition is in granular form.